

Having learned its limitations, a town may safely plan what not to do—first.

OUR TOWN

Though neighboring towns may smile with us, let us see to it that they never laugh at us.

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REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR NARBERTH Y. M. C. A.

Volunteer Managers Will Attempt to Apply Businesslike Principles and to Build a Community Center

Every public-spirited resident of Narberth will be glad to learn that a plan has been arranged and approved in detail by the board of directors at a special meeting last Monday evening, which will assure the existence of the local Y. M. C. A. for another year at least. This plan is the result of considerable thought on the part of men who have taken but little if any interest in the activities of the association in the past, whose efforts have been cheerfully seconded and assisted by those who have for years worked diligently and faithfully for its welfare.

These men realized that the closing of so prominent an institution would work considerable harm to the interest of every resident and property holder in the community, reflecting on the progressiveness and liberality of its citizens, as well as their love of the home town.

Y. M. C. A. a Community Asset.
The building is the largest and most attractive in Narberth and is certainly an asset to all of us. Probably there isn't any one feature of the town that impresses the prospective buyer or renter more quickly or more favorably than does this structure, and the purpose of its being. On the other hand, nothing would impress him more unfavorably or more quickly than a sign on the building reading "CLOSED;" the latter would be a black eye for the town on its very threshold. It would not be consistent to cry "BOOST NARBERTH" and then decry the Y. M. C. A.

New Conditions Warrant Continued Effort.

Some of our well-meaning citizens have, from its inception, looked askance at the establishment on the corner of Haverford and Forrest avenues, feeling, and, perhaps, properly, that the town had hardly attained the proportions that could comfortably support what was considered a rather too pretentious and expensive equipment; but, happily Narberth has grown and is to-day large enough in population and broad and progressive enough in sentiment to support an institution which means so much to every man, woman and child in the borough.

Efficiency Keynote of New Plan.
The new plan, which is outlined a little further on, is simply an application of business efficiency principles to the management and running of the association. Efficiency is the order of the day in business circles, and it has been decided to try the same methods in the reorganization of the Y. M. C. A. Many plans have been tried in the past and have not produced the expected results, largely because co-operation was lacking. Under the new plan a number of our fellow townsmen have volunteered their time and have signified their willingness to personally supervise the different departments. This insures the co-operative feature at the very start.

Details are now being worked out, it being the intention of the volunteer managers to make the Y. M. C. A. building practically a community center, having features which no live human being in Narberth can fail to be interested in, even though in a small way.

Fellowship More Than Finance.
While the financial future for the association for one year is practically assured, to make this reorganization a success, we must have your support financially as well as morally. Every male in Narberth should take out a membership card at least and become a contributive member to as large an extent as he possibly can deny himself to do. We believe that every man and every boy will find that he gets a good return for his money, and, furthermore, can feel a pride in furthering the interests of his home town and neighbors. Please bear in mind that we want you as member not alone for the sake of your annual dues but for your fellowship. As

stated in the foregoing, we want to make the building a community center where residents of the borough can meet from time to time, exchange views and get better acquainted. That, more than money, will make a success of this undertaking. There will be no restrictions that will cause any respectable person to hesitate in taking out membership. There will be introduced any feature that a right thinking citizen might wish to have, provided it can be financed before launched.

Women Included.

In addition, it is anticipated that the women and girls of the community will be provided for as never before—that they shall have separate and attractive quarters with which they may do as they please under competent, self-appointed direction. The managers believe there can be no successful community center work that does not include the women and girls.

Details of plans for the work for women will be presented at a special meeting Tuesday evening, January 12, in the Y. M. C. A. Building. Every woman in Narberth is urged to be present.

Detailed Plan of Management.

There follows a brief outline of the plan of management:

Seven men have volunteered their services as a board of managers to put the association on a good business footing with respect to detail and finances.

Enlarged Board of Directors.

The board of directors have been increased in number to 21, including two from senior membership, and will act in an advisory capacity, giving full authority to the board of managers to form and maintain the future policy of the association in all its work.

Chairman of Managers—Saturdays.
E. E. Searer, as chairman of the board of managers, will oversee and be responsible to the directors for the operation of the board, and among other duties, will have office hours at the association building, between 7.30 and 9.00 o'clock each Saturday night, at which time any citizen of Narberth is invited to call to discuss and suggest plans of operation that will make the association true to its "The Community Center" policy, it being the desire of the managers to institute every feature that will further this object.

Manager of Finance—Mondays.
C. L. Metzger will have charge of the financial management and with the help of assistants of his own selection, will solicit and distribute such moneys as will be required above the receipts from rents, memberships, etc., for maintenance. His office hours will be at the building on Monday nights, and he will be the manager in charge on those nights.

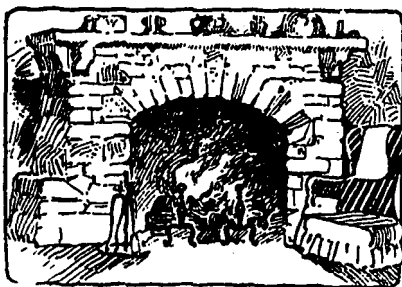
Educational Work Manager—Tuesdays.
H. C. Garra will be the manager in charge on Tuesday evening, and will devote special attention to the work of perfecting and maintaining a complete and attractive library and reading room. He will oversee the junior membership, boys' game room, having charge as well of the religious activities in conjunction with his other duties.

House Manager—Wednesdays.
W. A. Cole will be the manager in charge on Wednesday evenings, and with assistants that he may select will act in the capacity of house committee, it being his special object to make the interior and exterior of the splendid building attractive to the point that it may be a community pride.

Social Work Manager—Thursdays.
W. S. Horner will be the manager in charge on Thursday evenings, and will promote the social interests of the association. He will be assisted by committees of his selection and will work in conjunction with the Woman's Auxiliary with the object of making the association building the social center of the community.

Membership Manager—Fridays.
F. W. Stites will be the manager in charge on Friday evenings, and, with his assistants, will build up the membership. Our association should be double its present size in membership, and we will welcome new members and visitors.

Athletics and Games Manager—Saturdays.
R. G. Savill will be the manager in



THE FIRESIDE

By Lady Narberth

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Arny, 108 Chestnut avenue, entertained Tuesday evening, December 29, a large party of their Philadelphia friends at cards and dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Buchanan, Haverford road, gave a watch night party on New Year's Eve. Among those present were Miss Buchanan, Mr. Peck, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodall.

Mrs. J. Harris Britt, a former neighbor, was a recent visitor in our borough.

The popular Mrs. Andrew Green carried off first honors at the Bridge Club last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Goodall, of Dudley ave., gave a large family dinner party on New Year's Day.

Friends of Mrs. J. Berg Esenwein were sorry to hear of her recent severe illness; they are grateful that she is now recovering. Dr. and Mrs. Esenwein are living at 5945 Addison st., Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wohlert, Price avenue, entertained at dinner New Year's. Covers were laid for sixteen guests and dinner was served a la Danmarc.

At a meeting of the Narberth Fire Company held on December 29th, 1914, a vote of thanks was extended to all the ladies taking an active part in the bazaar which was such a financial success, the company thought best in taking this means in thanking them.

THREE MINOR ROBBERIES.

South Side Homes Are Visited By Amateur Yeggmen.

Wednesday, December 30, before 9.30 P. M., the home of Albert S. Clift, 105 Woodside avenue, was entered and robbed while no one was at home and the house was dark.

Monday evening, January 4, the homes of C. W. Clewell, 116 Woodside avenue, and C. E. Ludovici, 111 Elmwood avenue, were also entered and robbed while no one was at home and the houses were dark, both pieces of work being done before 10 P. M.

Borough officials have acted promptly and are receiving the co-operation of every needed agency to ferret out and to follow up several promising clues.

All work thus far done has every indication of being that of bungling amateurs who know the ways of the households visited.

There is little doubt in the minds of those hard at work on the cases but that developments will mature before the week is over and that on consummation of the arrests that they expect to live that life of peace and fearlessness of intrusion that she has enjoyed for so long in the past.

charge on Saturday evenings, and will assume management of athletic sports, gymnasium, pool and bowling, having for assistants competent men to guide instruction in gymnasium work and other athletic sports. Plans are fast developing to make this department one of which to be proud.

Executive Secretary.

The services of our present assistant secretary, O. L. Hampson, are retained, he to be the executive in charge under the board of managers, and, under his supervision, the underlying principles of Y. M. C. A. work will be in no way neglected.

Next week "Our Town" will print some of the ways the citizens of Narberth may help to transform the Y. M. C. A. into a real community center.

Success is the one sin some people refuse to forgive in their friends.

CITIZENS ORGANIZE TO AID SCHOOL BOARD

School Welfare Association, of Narberth, Commences Work

A meeting in the interest of the school affairs of Narberth was held in the Council Chamber of the fire house, on Monday evening, December 21st, 1914.

A motion to form a permanent organization of those interested in the borough school affairs was carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Wm. C. Claghorn was elected chairman, and Mr. Wm. E. Yost, secretary and treasurer. The title "School Welfare Association of Narberth" was adopted as the name of the permanent organization.

It was decided that any adult citizen of Narberth may become a member of the association on payment of an initiation fee of twenty-five cents.

Mr. Southerland as chairman of the committee appointed to visit our School Board, reported that the committee had met the School Board at their regular meeting in December, and that the board had expressed their willingness to co-operate with the citizens of Narberth in the furtherance of school affairs.

The following standing committees were appointed:

(1) Committee on Location and Building—Messrs. Southerland, Ehlers, C. Warner.

(2) Committee on Membership—Messrs. Heritage, McDonald, Bodansky, Holme, Nickerson, Eyre, J. S. Harris.

(3) Publicity Committee—Messrs. Yost, Muschamp, Gara.

(4) Legal Committee—Messrs. Gilroy, Henry, Bley.

(5) Visiting Committee—Messrs. Cowin, Poor, M. Taylor.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at the call of the chair. Wm. E. Yost, secretary.

To correct any erroneous impression as to the object or motive in forming the School Welfare Association it might be well to emphasize the following reasons for its formation: To arouse public interest in our schools.

To assist our efficient School Board by suggestions which may from time to time be submitted for their approval.

To co-operate with our School Board in submitting to the citizens of Narberth, at the election in November of this year, such specifications for a loan for the much needed school facilities as will meet with the approval of the citizens.

As it is difficult for our School Board to ascertain the attitude of the public in all school matters, and as it should not be necessary for them to do so; the citizens are requested to freely communicate their ideas and opinions on school matters to any member of the "School Welfare Association" so that such matters can be presented to the School Board in due course, and at the proper time for their consideration.

BIG FIRE AT ROBERTS' ESTATE.

Fire destroyed the garage of Percival Roberts at his Pennhurst estate, early Wednesday morning. It is not known what started the blaze, but it gained headway rapidly. Mr. Roberts' employees succeeded in rescuing an automobile and a few other valuables, but most of the contents of the building was burned. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. The fire companies from Narberth and several other main line towns responded and prevented the flames from spreading to other buildings.

VERY LIKE.

"Pa, what is a retainer?"
"What you pay a lawyer before he does any work for you, my son."
"Oh, I see. It's like the quarter you put in the gas-meter before you get any gas."—Boston Transcript.

Every woman has shed enough tears to float a more worthy ambition.

PARK PLANS TO BE COMPLETED SOON

Landscape Engineers Busy Preparing Plans for Approval of Park Committee

The expert town planners and landscape engineers, whose services have been secured by the civic association for the planning and development of "Narberth Park," are busily engaged in the preparation of final plans in accordance with general instructions given by the park development committee, and as soon as these are completed they will be presented to that committee for approval, after which specifications will be prepared and bids obtained from contractors.

Mr. Pope will be over from New York this week with several men to stake out the ground in accordance with plans, in order to obtain a general view of the lay-out as it will appear when completed.

In the meantime, negotiations are under way with the gas, water telephone and electric light companies with a view to procuring their co-operation in the laying of pipes and conduits at the time the work on the park is being done, so that there will be no necessity for digging up drives for this purpose after the work is completed. There will be no overhead wires to mar the beauty of the development, and artistic lamp posts will take the place of the usual unsightly poles.

At first thought, the idea of spending a large sum of money to buy, develop and improve a piece of land and presenting a large part of it to the community free of charge, sounds more like a philanthropy than a business proposition. But when we stop to consider the fact that every dollar's worth of attraction and beauty added to this tract means a dollar's worth of value added to the home sites abutting thereon, we begin to realize that, after all, there may be two sides to the question. And after we have thought a little further and considered the desirability of this particular tract as a place of residence and consequent demand for homes in it, the fact that no other suburb of Philadelphia will have such an attraction to offer the homeseeker, and the many other advantages of the development, we will perhaps conclude that the promoters of this project knew what they were about and that it will probably turn out to be just what they claimed for it—a sound business proposition and a practical demonstration of the possibility of developing land in an extremely attractive manner and at the same time realize to the investor a reasonable return on his money.

While the many public-spirited people who subscribed to this project and thereby made it possible of execution had no thought of making profit we hope and believe they will be agreeably surprised at the result. Here's to the success of the undertaking now under way toward actual realization.

NEW BASE BALL CLUB ORGANIZED AT Y. M. C. A.

A new Narberth base ball organization was perfected Tuesday evening at a meeting held at the Y. M. C. A. building. It will be known as the Y. M. C. A. Base Ball Club, and if the interest and enthusiasm shown by the organizers may be taken as a criterion of what is coming in the base ball line next summer Narberth will be well represented on the diamond.

The officers of the new club are: President, Robert McCoy. Vice president, Robert Savill. Secretary, Irvin Ward. Treasurer, Dr. Romaine C. Hoffman. About twenty-five men attended the meeting, including many of the local base ball enthusiasts who were the most active members of the Narberth Athletic Association last summer.

The main point discussed was whether the team should be made up of local players or out of town talent.

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Fire 350.
Police 1250.

EDITORIAL NOTES

BILLY SUNDAY.

The Public Ledger declares that practical Christianity is a history of revivals. Whitefield had his meetings in the City of Brotherly Love, with immense audiences and with the best of results; Moody had his at a later date, with equally good results. "Billy Sunday" has come to Philadelphia under wholly different conditions, with a well defined purpose to smash all sorts of sin in the wicked city; the outcome is likely to be different and probably greater than anything attained by previous great evangelists.

Never was a great public religious movement better organized and conditioned, with no lack of money with which to finance it, and no lack of helpers to carry it forward. Billy Sunday expects to induce thousands upon thousands to "hit the trail," as he phrases it, and to give "boozie" in Philadelphia the worst "body-blows" it has ever received. If his success in other cities forms any criterion we shall have stirring times hereafter for several weeks to come.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

To the editor of Our Town:

The official board of the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church congratulates you upon the most efficient manner in which you are directing the policy and publication of Our Town.

In these days of progressive methods the newspaper is proving itself a powerful ally in presenting the work of the church before the people. The board at its last meeting instructed the secretary to express its appreciation of the generous amount of space Our Town is giving to the religious activities of the community.

I, therefore, take great pleasure on behalf of the board and the members of the church in expressing our thanks for your sympathetic helpfulness in the work of the Master's Kingdom. Wishing you continued success.—A. D. Souder, Sec.

"Where are the snows of yesteryear!" exclaimed the man who quotes poetry.

"They're gone," replied the city official, sadly; "but I assure you their disappearance is no fault of the street cleaning department."

BOROUGH ORDINANCE

The following ordinances are being considered by Council:

AN ORDINANCE.

To levy and fix the taxes in the Borough of Narberth for the year 1915. The Council of the Borough of Narberth does ordain:

Section 1. That the borough taxes for the year 1915 be, and they are hereby levied and fixed at the rate of ten (10) mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation according to assessments and valuation for county purposes.

AN ORDINANCE.

Making an appropriation to defray the expenses of the Borough of Narberth for the year 1915.

The Council of the Borough of Narberth does ordain:

Section 1. That the sum of Seventeen Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$17,150) be, and the same is hereby appropriated from monies to be received from borough taxes, for salaries of borough officers, and to defray the expenses of the Borough of Narberth for the year ending December 31st, 1915, as follows:

Item 1. For salary of Clerk of Council, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Item 2. For salary of Borough Solicitor, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Item 3. For salary of Borough Treasurer, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Item 4. For salary of Street Commissioner, six hundred dollars (\$600.00).

Item 5. For rental of fire hydrants, four hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$425.00).

Item 6. For expenses of the Board of Health, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Item 7. For expenses of the Chief Burgess, twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Item 8. For street lighting, twenty-three hundred and fifty dollars (\$2350.00).

Item 9. For stationery, publishing ordinance, incidentals and general Council expenses, four hundred dollars (\$400.00).

Item 10. For rent of Council chamber, two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Item 11. For roads and bridges, care and maintenance of same and collection of garbage and ashes, forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500.00).

Item 12. For sinking fund to pay principal of a loan of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), dated January 1st, 1896, five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

Item 13. For interest on three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3500), balance of a loan of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500), dated January 1st, 1896, one hundred and forty dollars (\$140.00).

Item 14. For sinking fund to pay principal of a loan of three thousand dollars (\$3000), dated December 1st, 1897, one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Item 15. For interest on fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500), balance of a loan of three thousand dollars (\$3000), dated December 1st, 1897, seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Item 16. For sinking fund to pay principal of a loan of three thousand dollars (\$3000) dated July 1st, 1901, two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Item 17. For interest on a loan of one thousand dollars (\$1000), balance of a loan of three thousand dollars (\$3000), dated July 1st, 1901, forty dollars (\$40.00).

Item 18. For sinking fund to pay principal of a loan of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000), dated June 1st, 1909, nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).

Item 19. For interest on twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500), balance of a loan of twenty-seven thousand dollars (\$27,000), dated June 1st, 1909, nine hundred dollars (\$900.00).

Item 20. For state tax on loans, three hundred dollars (\$300.00).

Item 21. For one-half expense of Tax Collector's bond and stationery, seventy dollars (\$70.00).

Item 22. For expense of Treasurer's bond, twenty dollars (\$20.00).

Item 23. For sinking fund to pay principal of a sewer loan of fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000), dated May 1st, 1907, seventeen hundred dollars (\$1700.00).

Item 24. For interest on forty-three thousand dollars (\$43,000), balance of a sewer loan of fifty-one thousand dollars (\$51,000), dated May 1st, 1907, seventeen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1720.00).

Item 25. For sewer rental payable to Lower Merion Township and maintenance of sewer, seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).

Item 26. For fire hose, two hundred dollars (\$200.00).

Item 27. For police expenses, seven hundred dollars (\$700.00).

Section 2. That no work shall be ordered nor material purchased unless authorized by action of the Council. All bills must be approved by the Finance Committee and be paid by warrant drawn on the Borough Treasurer, signed by the President of Council and countersigned by the Clerk of Council.

BASKET BALL

Narberth Juniors Defeat Milton A. C.

The Narberth boys started the new year with a victory over the strong Milton A. C., of Philadelphia. The game from beginning to end was exciting, being featured by many spectacular plays. The visitors demonstrated their ability the first half by holding the Narberth lads to a tie; but the local boys, urged on by the shouts of the spectators, completely outplayed the visitors in every department of the game. The game was featured by the playing of Colwyn Humphrey, who caged eleven field goals. The bright star of the visitors was the foul shooting of Isenstein. Score: 40 to 26.

Narberth, Jrs. Milton A. C.
C. Humphreys .. Forward .. Joslon
F. Urnne .. Forward .. Isenstein
D. Odell .. Center .. Corson
J. Jefferies .. Guard .. Sshultz
P. Redifer .. Guard .. Carson
(S. Smith)

Field goals: Narberth, Humphreys, 11; Odell, 4; Urnne, 2; Jefferies, 2. Milton, Corson, 4; Isenstein, 2; Joslon, 1. Foul goals: Narberth, Jefferies, 2 out of 7. Milton, Isenstein, 12 out of 22. Substitutions: Narberth, Smith for Redifer. Referee—Durbin, H. G. S. Timekeeper—Davis, L. M. H. S. Scorer—O. Humphreys, H. G. S. Time of halves, 20 times

A CORRECTION.

The article called "Study of Child is Most Important," in our last issue, contained two typographical errors which we wish to correct. PREVIOUS child should read PRECIOUS child, and MR. M. H. D. Hall should be MRS. M. H. D. Hall.

Editor.

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Open Evenings

BABIES!

The Colonel and I were hunting the wild horse-radish in Fairmount Park, Theodore wishing to take one home to Lobster Bay for Hermit to ride.

"Admiral," says the Colonel, addressing me, and as he did so dodging a fierce flying-limburger which is the terror of the Park, "you come from Narberth, don't you? Do you not, I mean."

"Yes," said I, throwing out my chest.

"Some town, kid," says he. "Some town!"

"Yes," said I. "Yes," in a sort of inquiring manner.

"Babies!" he exclaims, as he ropes a skittish young horse-radish and proceeds to brand it "T. R."

"Barrels of 'em," admits I.

"No race suicide there," the Colonel grins. "That's why I like the town," and he stoops over to pet a tame oyster on the head. The oyster jumps up and bites him, and the Colonel grows rosy under the gills.

"D—," he begins.

"Colonel! Colonel!" says I, flushing up.

"—Lighted," he finishes, with a glance of reproof at me. Kind of flabbergasted, I hurries back to the old subject.

"Ever been to Narberth?" asks I.

"Once," says he. "I got off a train half-way up to Wynnewood. I had my picture took, and got back on again."

"Why didn't you did you not—stop off in Our Town?" I inquires. "Afraid of our Democratic postmaster? He's a Haws."

"Horse, man! Horse!" corrects the Colonel. "Not haws. Be more careful of your English."

"I should worry, I'm a German," says I, quick, like that. Then I explained what kind of a Haws our Haws was H-a-w-s, and Theodore apologized.

"But why didn't you stop off and eat with us, seeing you were so close to town?" I persists.

"I was afraid they'd make me write an editorial for 'Our Town,'" he explains. "'The Outlook' would think it was mean, after I quit them."

"But you'd a seen all the babies," I argues.

"I heard 'em," he answers. "I guess it musta been them. Sounded like frogs, at first."

"You missed a great sight, Colonel," I tells him.

"Are they a sight?" asks he.

"Where do they keep 'em?"

"All over," says I. "Essex avenue is a regular nursery, like. There are 617 babies on that street alone."

"Any more?" asks he.

"When?" says I.

"Oh, not next week, not next week," says he, impatient like. "Not next week! Now!" Not just catching his meaning, I made him testier still.

"I ain't just straight on the schedule," I tells him. "I lost the timetable. But my doctor said he was going to have five babies—"

"Your doctor," roars the Colonel.

"Say, man, what—" I gets all flustered, but quick straightens myself out.

"My doctor, he said he had five patients who—"

"Oh, piffle, frazzle, bonehead, bunk," bellows the Colonel. "I tell you I don't want to know how many babies there are going to be. How many were there when you left home?"

"12,223," says I. Maybe I went a little bit wrong, but it looks like that many sometimes. Anyway, it tickled the Colonel, and he stoops down to pat the oyster again, but remembers just in time.

"Fine!" he exclaims. "Fine! 12,223 babies! I shall give Narberth a prize."

"What prize?" asks I.

"The Nobel prize," says he.

"What Nobel prize?" asks I.

"The Nobel peace prize," says he.

"But it ain't peace," yells I. "It ain't peace," and I tries to grab him by the arm, but he goes a-leaping off after a wild tomato bird he has just discovered, and I haven't seen him since.

MERRITT BOND.

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And Elsewhere in Our Town

It may not be according to the best editorial ethics to boost your own paper in your own columns, but you can take it on the word of one who knows the difference between the smell of printers' ink and the pure, sweet perfume of a lily, that just as truly as "all that glitters is not gold" so all editorial ethics are not ethical by a jug full.

So being under no such editorial delusion we make bold to pat ourselves on the back and relate the following:

Like another notable contribution to the world's literature it begins: There is a man in our town—but here the language changes. This particular citizen brings home three newspapers every evening—The Bulletin, The Telegraph and The Evening Ledger. You see, we're not even afraid to mention the names of our "esteemed contemporaries," a fact, which in itself marks a giant-tic stride forward in American journalism!

Well, the other evening our friend brought home three papers as usual and after dinner the family adjourned from the dining room to the living room for the usual indoor evening sport of finding out whether the Czar had driven the Kaiser back over the Bsura or whether the Kaiser had driven the Czar back over the Bsura.

Then said the gallant husband to the wife: "Mary, there are all the papers, right there under the lamp, help yourself; I've got something else I want to look over first."

Then said the devoted wife: "That's all right, George, thanks just the same, but you might just as well read which ever one you want; I want to finish reading something that I started just before dinner."

Why all this excessive politeness? Well, the truth of the matter was that the wife had started to read that day's issue of OUR TOWN and—she thought—hid it on the top of the piano. But "the best laid plans" you know, and the husband had found OUR TOWN just before dinner and had removed it from the piano and hid it on one of the book cases.

So you see—

But what's the use! Poor old Bulletin!

Belated though it is I want to tell you of a Christmas incident that occurred that evening on the 7.45 train from Broad Street station. It concerns a party of two men and three women who were evidently returning from a family reunion, to their homes, somewhere along the Main Line. The two men appeared to be brothers. One was about 40 and the other about five years his senior. The former reminded me of Robert Louis Stevenson—still friendly and thoughtful, but hale and hearty from a vigorous outdoor life. The latter was shorter and seemed a little more settled; just as thoughtful as his brother but not quite so buoyant and youthful.

The younger man and one of the women—the oldest, sat ahead; back of them sat the other women, and in the third seat, the elder brother. I do not know the relation of the two younger women to the other members of the party, but I knew that the elderly woman and the two men were mother and sons the instant I saw them. Such fine, manly, wholesome solicitude as those two "boys" showed for their mother I have never seen. There wasn't the first suggestion of ostentation about their manner and yet I believe every person in the car saw and appreciated the care and tenderness with which those two men looked after the comfort of the woman who, many years ago had cared for and protected them.

And as the train slipped along in the night my thoughts reverted to the great European war and I saw other men—fine, sturdy sons of French, German, Belgian, English and Russian mothers. But they were not seated in warm, comfortable, lighted cars. They lay on the cold earth, where they had fallen, earlier in the day of the same Christmas. Snow too had fallen that day on those frozen fields of Flanders and a white blanket, lay as a mantle over the bodies of those sons of other women—white shrouds, except where they were pierced by innumerable scarlet stains.

The next instant I was back in the car, and I looked again at the scene before me—the two sons and their mother; and I saw the triumph of civilization, but I looked in vain for the glory of war.

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ALL SAINTS' CHURCH.

Rev. Andrew T. Burke, Rector.
Sunday services
8 A. M.—The Holy Communion.
9.45 A. M.—The Sunday school.
11 A. M.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
4 P. M.—Evening prayer.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

Sundays: Early Mass, May to September, inclusive, 6.30 A. M., early Mass, October to April, inclusive, 7.00 A. M.; late Mass, 9.30 A. M.
Masses on holydays: 6.30 and 8.30 A. M.; Masses on weekdays, 8.00 A. M.
Lenten and other evening devotions, 8 o'clock.

EVANGEL BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Emerson L. Swift, Pastor.

The two Christmas entertainments of the Bible School were greatly enjoyed by the members and their friends. The cantata, "Santa on a Strike," was ably rendered last week, Tuesday evening. That Santa was at last won over to make his customary round turned out to be a source of wonderful joy to many little hearts. The program and setting more than fulfilled the expectation of all who attended.

The annual meeting of the church will be held Tuesday evening, January 12. Reports from all organizations and departments of work will be presented. Every member is expected to attend and participate in this interesting event.

The motto of the church for 1915, announced by the pastor at the service on New Year's morning is a truth spoken of an ardent and eloquent New Testament disciple, "Mighty in the Scriptures."

The talk of Mrs. H. N. Kirby, of Assam, last Sunday was listened to with great interest by the three departments of the Bible School. Mr. Kirby will be asked to give his illustrated lecture the first Sunday of February.

Mrs. Elizabeth R. Needham was given the right hand of Christian fellowship last Sunday morning.

The monthly meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held at the church Friday evening, January 8. Supper at 6.30; Miss Myers, of the Publication Society, will be the speaker.

Bible School next Sunday at 10.00. Subject of the sermon at 11.00 is "Grieving the Holy Spirit." Evening at 7.45, "A Wonderful Call."

The Young People's meeting last Sunday evening under the leadership of Miss Marjorie Jefferies was very instructive. Look for another next Sunday evening equally as helpful. 7.00 o'clock is the hour.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

John Van Ness, Minister.

Sunday, January 10:

10 A. M.—Sabbath school; all departments.

11 A. M.—The Quarterly Communion. This is always a most helpful meeting. There will be a public reception of new members followed by the observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

7 P. M.—Junior Congregation in charge of the Missionary Committee.

8 P. M.—Sermon by the pastor on the theme, "The Curse of Meroz."

Monday evening, January 11.—The Music Committee of the Men's Club, under the direction of Mr. L. W. Nickerson, is arranging for a musical on this evening. A most delightful program is being planned. The public is invited. Remember the date—next Monday night.

The many who were present in this church on New Year's Eve will long cherish in their memory the delightful evening. Nor can that solemn moment soon be forgotten when, with an expressed determination to make 1915 a better year than any other so far, we quietly passed on the wings of prayer over the threshold into the new year, and then rose and sang that old doxology with a glorious ring as our first greeting to the new-born year.

NARBERTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Chris. G. Koppel, Pastor

9.45—Sunday School assembly. Bible study classes for men and women.

11—Worship and sermon.
6.45—Epworth League, conducted especially for young people.

7.45—Worship and sermon. Singing of merit both morning and evening by the chorus choir.

Mid-week prayer service conducted the pastor, Wednesday 8 P. M.

Last Sunday the pastor baptized the infant daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hartley and received two new members into church membership. Two men joined the Men's Bible Class.

"Ladies' Night" is planned for Friday evening, when the Young Men's Bible Class, taught by Mr. Fletcher W. Stites, will entertain the ladies in the lecture room of the church. Music, games and refreshments will provide for a jolly good time.

MINSTREL SHOW.

The boys of our town will give a minstrel show at Elm Hall, January 29 and 30, for the benefit of the Narberth Fire Co. It was decided to give two shows, as the last show the boys gave in November they broke the record for the attendance at Elm Hall.

This will be an entirely new performance. The very latest songs and jokes. Mr. Dennis, under whose direction the show is to be given, will add to the minstrel a farce on "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Harry Brown taking the part of "Little Eva." Slaty Shelley as "Uncle Tom," and Frank Clift as "Simon Lagree." This should be a big hit.

Walter Lupton, of Lansdowne, will be one of the end men at this performance, and he being a Scotchman by birth will sing Harry Lauder's songs, using Harry Lauder's costumes. There also will be songs and dances by three little girls of Narberth. Get your tickets early for this show.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Letters addressed to the following named persons remain unclaimed in the Narberth post office: Mr. Herbert Ross, Mr. Howard Ashbridge, Miss Margaret Brennan, Rev. William B. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, Mary J. Conlin, Mr. T. G. Hall, Mrs. William Brown, Mr. Wm. S. Johnston.

NEW BASE BALL CLUB ORGANIZED AT Y. M. C. A.

(Continued from First Page)
It was the consensus of opinion that Narberth boys should be given the first chances and that only in cases where the management is unable to fill positions with volunteer players should "outside" players be signed.

Fred Walzer was appointed delegate, and Fletcher W. Stites alternate delegate, to attend the meeting of the Main Line League which will be held this month, and apply for representation in the league during the coming season.

SUGGESTED.

"What do the suffragettes want, anyhow?"

"We want to sweep the country, dad."

"Well, do not despise small beginnings. Suppose you make a start with the dining-room, my dear."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

It is usually not so much the greatness of our trouble as the littleness of our spirit which makes us complain.—Jeremy Taylor.

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VOTES FOR WOMEN!

A New York court has ruled that the adage "A penny saved is a penny earned," is not true. At least, not in married life, as viewed by the law.

A wife saved money from her allowance for housekeeping expenses, and deposited it in the joint savings bank account of her husband and herself. Her husband tried to draw out the money for his own purposes. She tried to prevent him. The court refused to let her do it.

Mr. Justice Blackmar, in deciding against the wife, said, "I regret to say that our law has not reached the point of holding that property which is the joint result of the earnings of the husband and the economies of the wife is their joint property."

Sometimes, the law is an ass.—Independent.

MAIN LINE B. B. LEAGUE.

Narberth defeated Overbrook last Saturday evening by the score of 41-1. The team as a whole played a wonderful game, but the shooting of goals by Fleck was worthy of honor. Captain Durbin also excelled with his all around playing.

The home team was surprised by the number of spectators witnessing the game, in fact 105 paid admissions. This is very encouraging, especially as we are trying to boom up the Y. M. C. A. from its present slump. Line-up: Narberth: Speakman, E. Davis, forwards; W. Durbin, Captain, forward; L. Davis, centre; V. Fleck, guard; L. Jeffries, Nevin, guards. Overbrook: Myers, forward; Burritt, forward; Esling, centre; Long, guard; Stannard, guard. Field goals: E. Davis 3, Durbin 5, L. Davis 3, Fleck 4, Myers 2, Esling 3. Foul goals: E. Davis 3, L. Davis 8, Myers 11. Referee: Bob Towne. Scorer, Earl Smith. Timekeeper: Earl Dickey.

Standing of the league: Narberth, won 4, lost 0; Ardmore, won 2, lost 2; Overbrook, won 1, lost 3; St. Paul's, won 0, lost 4.

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Egg Sandwiches. Mash three hard-boiled egg yolks with a tablespoonful of thick sweet cream, add salt to season, and a tablespoonful of lemon juice. Mix thoroughly and spread between slices of buttered bread.

Triple Sandwich. Spread fresh cream cheese between buttered slices of graham bread. Butter a third slice and spread it with apple or currant jelly. Put this with the cheese sandwich, making a triple-layer sandwich. Lettuce Sandwich. Butter slices of bread, and spread between each two slices a little cooked mayonnaise and a crisp lettuce leaf.—Mrs. E. E. Kellogg, in Home and School.

The News That Is Not Printed!

The best news does not always get into the newspapers. News like the following might be printed every day with names of persons and places.

A young man has been saved from playing the fool, to the ruin of his life and his family's.

A girl was rescued from the very brink of moral disaster.

A millionaire gave his heart to the service of mankind.

A shop girl has made over her last Winter's dress, so that the price

of a new one might go to spread the Gospel.

A Sunday school teacher has spent all his evenings in work for a class of boys whom he is leading into noble, useful manhood.

Miss Blank, a cultivated young woman, is giving half her time to work for girls in a rescue mission.

These are but types. Shining lives of sacrifice and service, in numbers to fill pages, get not a line of mention in the public prints. THESE ARE SO NORMAL THAT THEY ARE NOT NOTED AS NEWS.

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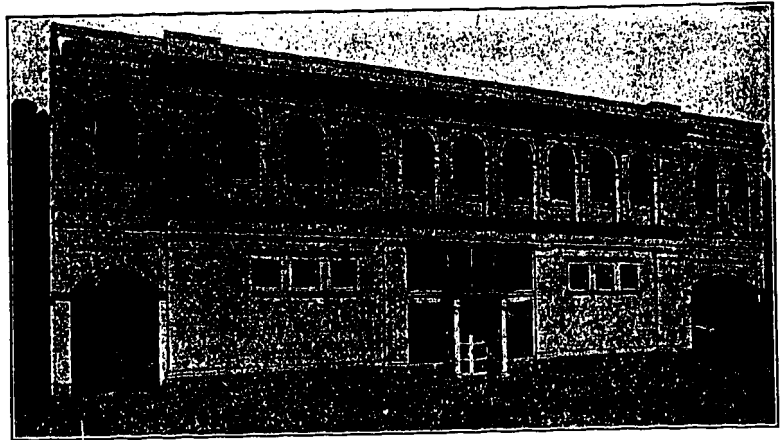
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A "WAR PRAYER" BY TWAIN.

Unpublished Article By Author Read in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—An unpublished article by Mark Twain, called "The War Prayer," was recalled by Dr. Henry Neuman, leader of the Ethical Culture Society in Brooklyn, this morning in his address on "Mark Twain" before the Ethical Society of St. Louis.

The story tells how a regiment on its way to the front assembles at a church and prays for victory. When the prayer is concluded a white-robed stranger enters to say he has been sent from "On High" with a message that the petition will be answered if the men care to repeat it after understanding its full import. Their prayer, he tells them, asks for more than they seem to realize. Hence he bids them listen while he repeats aloud these unspoken implications of their desire:

"O Lord, we go forth to smite the foe. Help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief. For our sakes, who adore thee, Lord, blast their steps, water their way with their tears."

Because he was told that this article would be regarded as sacrilegious, Mark Twain, who, according to Dr. Neuman was a free thinker, did not print it.—From the New York Times.

HOUSEWIVES LEARN BUTCHERS' SECRETS.

Narberth women will be interested in some of the things told to a number of New York housewives a few days ago. Certain allowances will have to be made, of course, because of the difference in prices.

Crowds filled the headquarters of the National Housewives' League, at 25 West Forty-fifth street, to learn the different cuts of meat and see beef, veal, lamb, and mutton cut by an expert, says the report in the New York Times. It was the informal opening of the headquarters for real work, and although the meeting was called for 10.30 o'clock, the women began to arrive at 9. They had notebooks, in which they jotted down the facts given them; they asked interested questions, and the women at the rear stood up through the long demonstration.

Theodore Carlewitz, who demonstrates at Teachers' College and other places where educational work in domestic science is carried on, did the talking, while two assistants cut up the meat. Each woman present received a diagram showing a side of beef, with the various cuts marked off.

Some of the questions set the audience laughing. The women had been told that an economical housekeeper with a family of some size would buy an entire crossrib piece of beef—fourteen pounds at 21 cents a pound—from which she would get two steaks, a pot roast, and a good soup. Or she was told that she would get a good steak from this same piece by buying the first cut of the crossrib.

"But how can you be sure you get that first cut?" asked a woman from the front row of seats.

"See the whole crossrib," answered Carlewitz.

"But if you ordered by telephone?" she continued, and the other women shouted with laughter.

"Ladies," said Mrs. Julian Heath, when there was quiet again, "don't do it."

"A skirt steak is one you will find very good," said the demonstrator a little later. "It is only 18 cents a pound, and some people like the flavor."

"How do you spell 'skirt?'" called another woman at the side, her pencil poised in air, and the audience shouted again as the demonstrator replied: "S-k-i-r-t."

"A chuck steak," said Carlewitz, beginning on his side of beef, "may be had now for 19 cents, and a chuck roast for 16. This steak has not the taste of the sirloin, but is more nourishing than the porterhouse. From the cheaper grade of chuck, with the bone out, you get a pot roast, but it is coarse. The top chuck at 19 cents makes a fine pot roast."

"The first and second ribs are 21 cents a pound. The fourth, at 21 cents, is just as good and perhaps better. The ninth and tenth rib outside roll roast has no bone and no waste, and is 18 cents, but is not as tender. The inside roll roast is nice and tender. It is 25 cents, but it is economical. Five pounds of it will equal eight pounds of rib roast."

The flank fat of the beef, at 9 cents a pound, is the best for rendering—to use for deep fat frying or things of that kind—better than suet, as it does not get hard, according to the expert.

"The top sirloin makes a good pot roast and beef a la mode, and bought whole is 20 cents a pound," he continued. "The first cut will cost 23 cents. The porterhouse steak, from the loin of beef, costs 25 cents a pound, and the Delmonico steak 23 cents. The short sirloin will weigh in the neighborhood of a pound, and is good for small families. It is tender and of good flavor, is 25 cents a pound, but in demand and hard to get. The flat bone sirloin of beef is better than the round. (there is about two cents difference in the price,) and the flat is in this. A flet of beef costs 60 cents a pound. A whole flet in a good loin of beef will weigh about seven pounds."

"The bottom round of beef makes corned beef, beef a la mode and pot roast, at 24, 25 and 26 cents a pound. The round end of the rump, at 22 cents a pound, is used to make corned beef. The leg of beef makes soup stock, 9 cents with the bone and 17 without, and a piece of the bone thrown in. The neck of beef makes soup, but nothing is so good as the leg."

Carlewitz told his audience how to tell lamb from mutton. The bone of the lamb cuts through, but the mutton will only break at the joint.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 8th—

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9th—

Mary Pickford in "Hearts Adrift."

Coming—Clara Kimball Young in "Deep Purple."